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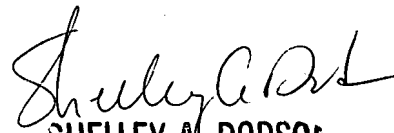
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This is in response to supplemental appellant's reply brief on appeal filed 10-4-95.

(5) *Grouping of claims.*

Appellant's brief includes a statement that claims 12-17 and 19-21 do not stand or fall together and provides reasons as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c)(5) and (c)(6). It is the Examiner's position that appellants statement that the claims are separately patentable is acceptable language and is held to be equivalent to the phrase "do not stand or fall together".

Respectfully submitted,


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